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Patent
Case No. 10703/042 (PA-5375-RFB)

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In re: patent application of)
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Serial No. 10/769,962) Examiner: Ali, Shumaya B.
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

The subscribing attorney of record hereby requests a one (1) month extension of time through and until October 13, 2006, to respond to the Office Action issued in this case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fees and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in accordance with the attached transmittal.

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